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TO: SAIGON

1. MR. JOHN SCALI, A SENIOR NEWSMAN OF THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY, IS DEPARTING FOR SAIGON ON 13 AUGUST. HE PLANS TO REMAIN SEVERAL WEEKS TO COVER THE ELECTIONS AND HAS INDICATED TO THE HQS PRESS OFFICER THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH OUR STATION CHIEF.

2. SINCE SCALI IS A RESPONSIBLE NEWSMAN, WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO [] WE ARE GIVING HIM YOUR NAME. HE WILL BE STAYING WITH ABC'S SAIGON REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CARAVELLE HOTEL AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ATTEMPT TO LOOK YOU UP. HE SHOULD BE CAUTIONED AGAINST USING ANY AGENCY ATTRIBUTION IN HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS, BUT WITH THAT PROVISIO, FEEL FREE TO BACKGROUND HIM AT YOUR DISCRETION AND ASSIST HIM IN ANY WAY THAT SEEMS APPROPRIATE TO YOU. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LETTING US KNOW OF ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE YOU MAY RENDER.

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